CITY OF LYNN

Motion to approve attached Resolution re: Internet Access

MOTION TO APPROVE ATTACHED
RESOLUTION RE: INTERNET ACCESS

RESOLUTION

Offered by Councillor   CROWLEY AND
CUFFE O'DONNELL
In City Council

Date: DECEMBER 12, 2006

Date Adopted: DECEMBER 12, 2006

Councillor	YES	NO
CAPANO	☒	☐
COLUCCI	☐	☐
CROWLEY	☒	☐
CUFFE-O'DONNELL	☒	☐
CYR	☒	☐
FORD	☒	☐
LOZZI	☒	☐
MACKIN	☒	☐
O'BRIEN	☒	☐
PHELAN	☒	☐
TRAHANT	☒	☐
TOTAL	10	0

Mary F Audley
City Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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Mayor

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Mary F Audley
CITY CLERK

Referred to   Mayor, Law Dept,

Date: December 14, 2006

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, ubiquitous access to reliable broadband internet service is essential for our Nation's economy to grow and compete in the information economy;

WHEREAS, for many Americans, reliable, quality broadband Internet access is either too costly or simply unavailable, which lack of access has contributed to a digital divide that separates Americans in their access to information and, consequently, in their ability to give fair opportunities to their children and participate in the information economy and in civic affairs;

WHEREAS, the United States continues to fall further behind other countries with regard to the availability of broadband Internet access;

WHEREAS, protecting children from exposure to indecent material on the Internet continues to be a serious challenge with which parents and educators need help;

WHEREAS, there is a need for reliable communication among first responders, command centers, and municipal officials everyday and in response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other emergencies;

WHEREAS, there is increasing demand among Americans for broadband access that is available where they need it, not just at home or at work;

WHEREAS, a nationwide, free, wireless broadband network that is made safe for children, by employing network-level filtering of indecent material, would benefit the American public in many ways, by:

> * Helping to bridge the digital divide and give more Americans the opportunity to participate in the information economy and in civic affairs, and to afford their children access to learning resources outside the classroom, or when library access may not be feasible;

* Helping American businesses, and, in particular,
small businesses and entrepreneurs, compete in the United States
and around the world, by increasing access to information,
encouraging innovation, expanding marketing opportunities, and
improving prospects for growth;

* Protecting children from indecent material on the
Internet, while allowing for increased freedom to use the
Internet as an educational tool in school, at home, and in home
schools; and

* Improving the ability of first responders, command
centers, and municipal officials to respond to emergencies,
thereby enhancing public safety; and

* Providing access where Americans need and want it,
to download maps and stay in touch by email, even when they are
not at home or at their desks; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lynn would benefit from such a wireless
broadband network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lynn City Council supports
efforts to provide free, nationwide, wireless broadband access that
will help bridge the digital divide that separates many Americans, help
all Americans compete for jobs in the information economy, ensure a
safe environment and prosperous future for our children and make us
global leaders in providing our citizenry access to the Internet and
all its benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynn City Council urges the elected
representatives of its citizens in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
the United States government and the Federal Communications Commission
to support a public-private partnership approach consider all
alternatives to the delivering of free, nationwide, wireless broadband
access to its citizens.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Paul T. Crowley
Councilor At Large
Lynn City Council